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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on December 9, 2004, and to the Reasons for Allowance referenced thereon, as well as to the various other statements presented in the official actions of May 7, 2003; November 4, 2003; April 13, 2004; and August 23, 2004, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application.

Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain features are not taught by the references of record. However, Applicant wishes to clarify that the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and the basis for patentability of

these claims is based upon the totality of the features recited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments about the above, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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